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frontispiece; and Dr. Prosper Bender discusses "The French Canadian Peasantry." The "Prospectus of the First American Edition of Shakespeare," a curious antique treasure, appears in minor topics, and "Sixty Waymarks in the World's Progress" furnishes a list worthy of careful preservation.

— Messrs. Ginn & Co. announce to be published in August or September Shelley's "Defense of Poetry," edited by Albert S. Cook, professor in Yale University. Shelley's "Defense" may be regarded as a companion-piece to that of Sidney. Both are the productions of poets who are also distinguished for their prose; of poets essentially lyrical, whose highest praise is given to the epic and the drama; and in both a substantially identical philosophy is set forth with fervid eloquence. In their diction, however, the one is of the sixteenth century, and the other of the nineteenth. For this reason a comparison of the two is of interest to a student of historical English style. But, apart from this, the intrinsic merits of Shelley's essay must ever recommend it to the lover of poetry and of beautiful English. The truth which he perceives and expounds is one which peculiarly needs enforcement at the present day, and it is nowhere presented in a more concise or attractive form. This edition is provided with all needful helps, and is the only one now current of the "Defense" printed by itself, apart from other prose works of Shelley.

— Messrs. Macmillan will issue early next month a reprint from the collected works of Edward Fitzgerald (1889) of his famous version of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, which is practically unobtainable, except in those three volumes. The author, as is well known, never put his own name on the titlepage of any of the four editions which appeared during his lifetime, and the show of anonymity is still preserved. In accordance with their admirable custom, which other publishers would do well to follow, Messrs. Macmillan have given on the verso of the titlepage a brief bibliography. The same firm will also publish immediately the first

volume of Professor Alfred Marshall's long-expected treatise entitled "Principles of Economics." It is an attempt to present a modern version of old doctrines with the aid of the new work, and with reference to the new problems of the age.

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